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ABSTRACT

As part of an effort to improve its summer school offerings, Arkansas' Garland County Community College conducted a survey of summer school practices at the state's 23 other two-year colleges. Survey results, based on responses from all 23 schools, included the following: (1) 13 schools offered 2 sessions during the summer months, 7 offered 3 sessions, and 3 schools offered only 1 session; (2) of the 13 schools having 2 sessions, each session lasted 5 weeks, with classes meeting 5 days per week; (3) 7 schools offered 1 session lasting 5 to 6 weeks and meeting 4 days per week; (4) 17 schools offered a night program, with 12 schools providing library and computer lab services at night; (5) most of the schools limited student enrollment to a maximum number of hours; (6) only 4 schools did not have any limit on summer school faculty teaching load; (7) the pay scale was the same for the full-time and part-time summer faculty at 16 schools, while 2 schools paid their full-time faculty more in the summer than during the fall or spring semesters; and (8) only 4 institutions involved faculty in the selection of courses for the summer. The survey instrument and tabulated results are appended. (TGI)

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GARLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUMMER SCHOOL SURVEY OF ARKANSAS' TWO-YEAR HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Reflecting Garland County Community College's commitment to continued assessment and accountability, the president formed a task force from the faculty and administrative staff to look for ways to improve GCCC's summer school, for both faculty and students.

In an effort to gain information on summer school sessions at comparable institutions, a survey was developed (Appendix A) and sent to the chief academic officer for the twenty-three public two-year institutions in Arkansas.

The results of the survey were utilized by the task force members in formulating fact-based recommendations concerning summer school to the president of the College.

RESULTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS

Thirteen of the twenty-three Arkansas schools offered two sessions during the summer months, with seven schools having three sessions and three schools offering only one session. Of the thirteen schools having two sessions, each session was five weeks, with classes meeting five days per week.

The survey indicated that generally, the third session was dependent on the length of the remaining two sessions for institutions offering three sessions. Of the seven schools

offering three sessions, the number of weeks for one session equaled the sum of the weeks for the remaining two sessions. For example, the number of weeks for two sessions was 5 weeks per session, with a third session lasting for 10 weeks.

Most sessions met five days each week, with 3 to 6 classes per day. Seven institutions offered one summer session consisting of 5 to 6 weeks meeting only four days per week. All institutions began summer classes at 7:30AM to 8:00AM.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL NIGHT CLASSES

Six institutions did not have any night programs or classes. Three schools only offered two night classes during the summer sessions.

Of the institutions offering a night program, twelve schools provided library and computer lab access at night, with the bookstore open during the first week of night classes. Eight of the twelve schools also provided some type of campus security at night.

Night courses met 2 nights a week and were scheduled concurrently with the day sessions. For example, two institutions offered 2 five week sessions with 1 ten week night session.

3. STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Eleven schools limited student enrollment to a maximum of six hours per session. Six institutions limited students to a

maximum of 7 hours, with five school allowing students to take over 8 hours, without special permission.

Twenty-one schools did not place any restrictions for students having remedial coursework. The three institutions with restrictions limited the number of hours enrolled by students with remedial coursework.

(*It should be noted that some schools will only accept as transfer credit, a maximum of 12 hours earned by a student during the summer at another institution.)

4. SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY

Ten institutions limited the faculty teaching load in the summer to six hours. Four schools did not have any limit on faculty teaching load, with the remaining institutions limiting faculty to a range of 7 to 14 hours.

It was unclear from the survey responses that when multiple sessions were offered at the institution, whether the instructor was limited to six hours per session or an overall teaching load of six hours for the summer.

Sixteen schools did not allow faculty to average enrollment in each session. An example of averaging class enrollment would be if an instructor had 24 students in one class and 6 students in another class, the instructor would be paid for an average of 15 students per class.

5. SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY PAY

For their full-time faculty members who taught during the fall/spring academic year, eight institutions paid from $1,000 to $1,080 for a course in the summer. Five institutions paid their full-time faculty from $1,200 to $1,275 per course. Two schools paid on a percentage of the faculty base pay scale.

For part-time adjunct faculty, eleven schools paid $1,000 to $1,083 for teaching a summer course. Three schools paid from $1,114 to $1,170, with seven paying from $1,200 to $1,275 per course during the summer sessions.

The pay scale was the same for the full-time and part-time summer faculty at sixteen institutions, with twenty-one institutions having the same rate for fall/spring overloads or adjunct faculty rate. Two schools paid their full-time faculty more in the summer than during the fall/spring semesters.

6. DECISIONS ON SUMMER COURSE OFFERINGS

At eight institutions, the selection of summer courses were at the discretion of the division chairperson. At six schools, the selection was made solely by the administration. At eight institutions, the survey results indicated a joint decision process involving the administration, division chairs, or faculty.

Only four institutions involved faculty in the selection of courses for the summer.

SUMMARY

The 100% response from all 23 institutions was indicative of the overall desire and motivation of the two-year colleges to participate in the education. As more and more attention is focused on accountability and productivity, the community and technical colleges in Arkansas hold their own, in terms of educational costs per student, workforce training, and instructional productivity, and other measures.

The task force on summer school extend their thanks to the chief academic officers at the Arkansas two-year schools for their participation in the study.

SUMMER SCHOOL SURVEY

Name of Responding Institution _____

1. How many summer sessions does your college offer?

   ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4

2. How many weeks per session?

   ___ 3 weeks ___ 4 weeks ___ 5 weeks ___ 6 weeks ___ 7 weeks

   ___ 8 weeks

3. How many days per week?

   ___ 4 days ___ 5 days ___ 6 days

4. What limits, if any, do you place on the number of credits a student may take in a summer session?

   ___ No Limit ___ 6 credits ___ 7 credits ___ 8 credits
   ___9 credits

5. Is there a different limit for someone taking a remedial course?

   ___ Yes ___ No

   (If yes, please explain) _____
   _____
   _____

6. Do you presently require a minimal number of students before you cancel a summer class?

   ___ No set number ___ 6 students ___ 7 students ___ 8 students

   ___ 9 students ___ 10 students ___ 11 students ___ 12 students

7. What limits, if any, do you have for a summer session teaching load?

   ___ No limit ___ 6 pay hours ___ 9 pay hours ___ 12 pay hours

   ___ Other (explain)

8. Does your college allow faculty to average their enrollment if teaching two or more sections in a summer session?

   ___ Yes ___ No

9. How many night classes, if any, do you typically offer in a summer session? _____

10. How many class periods do you usually offer during a summer session?

    ___3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 6

11. When does your first class period begin?

___ 7:00 a.m. ___ 8:00 a.m. ___ 9:00 a.m. Other _____

12. What type of support services does your night summer program offer? (Check all that apply)

___ No night summer program

___ Library ___ Bookstore for first week of classes

___ Access to computers ___ Administrative

___ Clerical ___ Campus security force

___ Other

13. How many telecourses, if any, do you intend to offer next summer?

___ 0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5

14. How much do you pay faculty for a three credit summer course?

Full-time faculty $_____

Part-time faculty $_____

15. Is this the same rate you pay for overload and part time for Fall and Spring semesters?

___ Same rate ___ Larger in summer ___ Smaller in summer

16. Who has the primary responsibility for deciding what courses are offered at what times?

___ Administration ___ Counseling Staff ___ Division Chair(s)

___ Faculty who want to teach

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QUESTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.7	12.8	13	14.1	14.2	15	16
COLLEGES	NUM OF SESS	WEEKS PER SESS	DAYS PER SESS	NUM OF HRS	LIM PRE-COLL	MIN STUD HRS	MAX FAC HRS	FAC AVG ENR	NUMBER OF NIGHT CLASSES	CLA PER SES	START TIME	NO PH PROGR	LIB OPEN	COMP LAB OPEN	CLSR SUPP	HRST OPEN	ADM SER	CAMP SU FORC	OTH	SUM TELE CRS	FULL TIME FAC	PART TIME FAC	SAME FAC PAY FOR FALL/SPRING	COURSE OFFERED DECISION
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PHILLIPS	1	6	4	8	N	10	6	N	6	3	7:30	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	% OF B	1,080	SAME	DIVISION
PETIT JEAN	2	5	5	6	N	10	9	Y	0	3	8:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CREDENT	CREDENT	SAME	ADMIN/DIV
PULASKI TECH	2	5	5	7	N	N	9	N	0	3	8:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	1,200	SAME	ADMIN/DIV
ASU,MNT HOME	2	4	5	7	N	10	8	N	0	5	8:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,200	SAME	ADMIN/FACULTY
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BLACK RIVER	2	4	4	6	N	12	6	N	0	3	8:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	1,200	SAME	ADMIN
NORTH ARK CTC	2	5	5	6	N	10	6	Y	0	3	8:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,125	1,050	SAME	DIVISION
ASU, BEEBE	2	5	5	6	N	6	6	N	5	6	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1,000	1,000	SAME	DIVISION
GATEWAY TC	3	2-4,1-8	4	6	N	N	9	N	4	5	8:00	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1,050	1,050	SAME	ADMIN/FAC
EAST ARK CC	2	5	5	6	N	6	6	N	NA	3	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1,500	1,060	LARGER-FULL	ADMIN/DIV
SOUTH ARK CC	3	2-5,1-10	5	8	N	N	14	N	5WK-4,10WK-16	4	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1,170	1,170	SAME	ADMIN/DIV/FAC
COSSATOT TC	2	5	4	6	N	7	N	N	7	5	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1,215	1,215	SAME	ADMIN/FAC
RICH MNTN C	2	5	5	6	N	N	6	Y	2	4	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1,671	1,114	LARGER-FULL	ADMIN
SOUTHEAST ARK	2	4	4	14	Y	10	12	N	25	3	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	1,200	1,200	SAME	ADMIN/DIV
SAU, TECH	2	1-5,1-10	4	7	N	NA	6	N	6	NA	8:00	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1,050	1,050	SAME	ADMIN/DIV
ASU, NEWPORT	3	2-5,1-8	5	7	N	8	7	Y	8	5	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1,000	1,000	SAME	ADMIN
UACC, HOPE	2	5	4	7	N	8	6	Y	8	4	8:00	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1,275	1,275	SAME	ADMIN
OUACHITA TC	1	8	5	9	N	8	N	N	4	4	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1,600	1,200	SAME	DIVISION
NWARK CC	1	6	4	6	N	10	6	N	NA	4	8:00	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1,350	1,350	SAME	DIVISION
MID-SOUTH CC	2	4	5	6	N	6	6	N	15	5	8:00	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1,083	1,083	SAME	ADMIN
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